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BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers

S. F. Wood, who has been ill is able to be out again.

Mrs. Ida Bassett of Gage street is visiting friends in Troy.

Elmer Plankey of Pleasant street is employed in North Adams.

William A. Quinn has gone to Waltham, Mass., to pass some time.

Mrs. James A. Eddy and Miss Ruth Eddy are passing a few days in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hyde of Pittsfield are passing a few days at their former home here.

Prof. and Mrs. H. B. Dickinson of Manchester are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Endress.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Harmon of the Bennington Flats have returned from a few days' visit in Boston.

Miss Florence March, who teaches school in South Manchester, Conn., arrived today to pass the holidays with her mother, Mrs. C. B. March.

Supt. Thomas Hannon of the Soldiers' home went to Brattleboro Thursday afternoon where Mrs. Hannon has been called because of the illness of a relative.

The Masonic Social club of Greylock and Lafayette lodges of North Adams have invited Mount Anthony lodge of Bennington to attend a social dance in that city the evening of December 27. The lodge has also received an invitation from Rev. J. C. Mitchell to attend services at the stone church near North Bennington, Thursday afternoon, December 29.

FOR DEATH OF SON

Mary A. Horsford Administratrix Brings Suit for \$5000 Damages.

Burlington, Dec. 17.—Mary A. Horsford, administratrix of the estate of Carroll A. Horsford has filed suit for \$5,000 damages in Chittenden County court against Kell Meyers, Balthasar Trieb and Justin Burnell. Mrs. Horsford was recently awarded one cent and costs in a suit against the same parties on the same grounds, the suit being brought in her name.

It is alleged Carroll Horsford, her son was killed in a runaway accident caused by an improperly constructed milk station owned by the defendants on the road from West Bolton to Richmond.

The Kiss.

An American humorist once said that "the only way to define a kiss is to take one." Oliver Wendell Holmes called a kiss the twenty-seventh letter of the alphabet—"the love labial which it takes two to speak plainly."

A SCIENTIFIC HOAX.

The Steel Eating Worm and the Origin of the Mythical Insect.

A letter published in the New York Engineering News from Mr. E. Gibson Spilsbury gives the origin of the myth regarding the "steel eating worm." About 1896, he says, employees of various iron, steel and chemical works of the district surrounding Haspe, in Germany, used to meet at a hotel in order to discuss subjects of general interest, with the result that a society known as the "Ulk," which in English signifies "fun," was formed.

The steel eating worm was created at one of the meetings and an editor from one of the neighboring towns was made the subject of the joke. The "Insect" was manufactured from a piece of gutta percha tube and was exhibited in a bottle half full of scale. The worm was filled with dilute hydrochloric acid and when properly disturbed with a glass rod it would emit a drop of the acid, which, on attacking the scale, served to prove that the corrosion was due to a secretion of the worm and that the oxides formed its food.

The editor accepted the exhibit in good faith and published an account of the alleged discovery, with the consequence that it reappeared in many other journals and has since been reproduced elsewhere at varying intervals.

The Circle.

The ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter was first ascertained to some degree of exactness by Van Ceuten, a Dutchman. He found that if the diameter of a circle was 1 the circumference would be 3.1415926-53589793238462643383279502884 nearly, which is exactly true to thirty-six places of decimals and was effected by the continual bisection of an arc of a circle, a method so extremely laborious that it cost him incredible pains.

Every Syllable.

There are many stories told of the pronunciation of certain English names, that of Cholmondeley, pronounced "Chumley," generally finding a place in the list. A story, told of Lord Cholmondeley, gives a possible reason for irregularity in pronunciations.

Lord Cholmondeley was one day leaving his own house, when he encountered an American, who, not knowing his lordship by sight, asked him if Lord Chol-mon-de-ley, pronouncing each syllable distinctly, was at home.

"No," replied the peer, without any hesitation, "nor any of his pe-o-ple."

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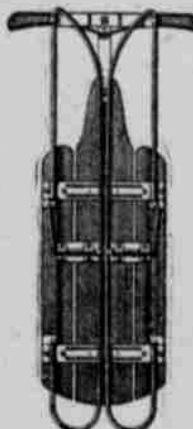
Just flash your eyes on the Pocket Flash Lights. Walk around and view the Pedometers note how fast the Dollar Watches are going, yet keeping tick with the clock in Washington. Freeze onto one of our fancy Thermometers before they are all gone and warm up to the exceptional value of a Thermos Bottle at this time of the year (keeps liquids hot 24 hours. Air Rifles, Pocket and Jack Knives, Rifles, Guns, Pistols, Rods, Reels, Fly Books, Tennis Rackets and everything else in the sporting goods line.

Books Especially adapted for Christmas Gifts to every member of the family, from baby to grandma. Our lines this year embrace not only the usual standard books, but a great variety of novelties that are stock-d only at this time of the year. While we are on the subject of Books, what is the matter with "Sally Blue Bonnet" for a friend who is interested in our old historic town? It's mighty interesting reading to old or young and will be appreciated as a gift.

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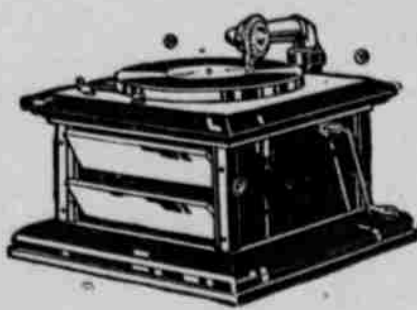
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Christmas Fixings As usual we have about everything worth shouting about in Fancy Papers, Tags, Seals, Calendars, Cards, Garlands, Paper Ribbons, Streamers, Flowers, Post Cards and paper novelties, including the Dennison, Gibson, International, Dodge, and Davis lines, which are known for their superior quality and for most of which we are the sole representative in Bennington.

And While We are Talking

let us ask this question: Are you going to present a Talking Machine to your family this year and thus enjoy Christmas all the year round? Ours is probably the only store in New England that holds the Agency for all three of the leading machines—



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Pictures Nothing appeals to the average human being much as a beautiful picture. They make gifts when selected with a view to gratifying the taste of to whom they are given. We have some hand colored Photographs that we declare to be real gems of art at 3 from that price up, and even down, we can meet the demand any taste and all pocketbooks.

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